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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 30-33, 39-56, and 60 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, Applicants AMEND claims 30, 39, 42, 50-52, and 54 and CANCEL claims 28, 29, 34-38, and 57-59.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 30-33, 39-56, and 60 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 34-38 and 57-59 have been canceled since these claims are directed to a non-elected invention. Applicants have filed a Divisional Application in order to pursue prosecution of non-elected claims 34-38 and 57-59.

Claims 28 and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Taura (JP 10-123207).

Applicants have amended allowable claims 30 and 42 to be in independent form including all of the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 51-54 and 60 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 30. Claims 39 and 50 have been amended to correct minor informalities.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 30 and 42 are allowable. Claims 31-33, 39-41, 43-56, and 60 depend upon claims 30 and 42, and are therefore allowable for at least the reasons that claims 30 and 42 are allowable.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,

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